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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Favorable report is directed by the Senate Committee on Commerce on bill authorizing A. F. Ellis, of Boston, to construct a light house on Diamond shoals, Hatteras. —— Representative Lamar, of Florida, introduced a resolution to impeach Judge Swayne of the U. S. District Court. —— Nothing was done in the Senate. —— John D. Rockefeller has made a donation of $100,000 for Furman University. —— Alleged safe blowers arrested in Mobile are wanted in a number of places. —— In a street car riot at Chicago a car was wrecked. —— A vigorous fight is to be made in the Senate against Senator Smoot of Utah. —— Report that Millionaire Weniz had been rescued from bandits in the mountains of Virginia is denied; there have been no developments in the case. —— Queen Alexandra and her secretary, Miss Knollys, had narrow escapes from fire that broke out in their apartments at Sandwingham early yesterday morning. —— Report of a Russian naval demonstration against Corea is discredited at St. Petersburg. —— Peace negotiations between Japan and Russia are said to be proceeding to a satisfactory conclusion. —— Twenty indictments have been found by the U. S. grand jury investigating postoffice bribery cases and illegal fencing of government land in Nebraska. The Legislature of Louisiana met yesterday in special session to consider the boll weevil. —— New York markets: Money on call was firm at 4@6 per cent; cotton quiet at 13.35c; flour was dull but steady; wheat—spot easy; No. 2 red 89½c; corn—spot firm; No. 2 51½c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 41c; rosin firm; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 10.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 34 degrees: 8 P. M., 41 degrees; maximum, 42 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees; mean, 34 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, .99.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 2.5 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday, fresh west winds; Saturday cloudy with rain in the interior, except snow in mountain districts.

Port Almanac—December 11.

Sun Rises	7.00 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.46 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 46 M.
High Water at Southport	1.19 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	3.49 P. M.

The price of life-lines will probably advance in Washington. President Roosevelt's demand for them will bull the market until he safely lands Major General Wood.

The Mobile *Register* denies that Alabama would go for Hanna. Roosevelt will go for him, however, if Uuk Mark is really playing possum in the White House yard.

Carrie Nation is going around saying that "the White House cellar is full of spirits." That makes no difference to Roosevelt. He never was much afraid of ghosts anyway.

General Wood will be on the way over a long time in his homeward trip to confront the witnesses of that investigation, but he is reminded that the whitewash bucket will be kept full till he gets here.

The dispatches said Prof. Langley was very much depressed when his flying machine went to pieces and took a dive into the Potomac. Now let him invent a diving machine and probably it will fly.

People who have whitewash ready for use will please address T. Roosevelt, Washington, D. C. He will need plenty of it to get those major general epauletts on the shoulders of Brigadier General Lenard Wood.

The people at Des Moines, Iowa, are awfully mad because the government has garrisoned the new military port there with negro troops. No well regulated coon hunter would mind a little thing like that.

The Danville, Va., *Register* says Congressman Claude A. Swanson has gone to Richmond to look out for his gubernatorial candidacy. Did it get there ahead of him? If not, he probably went there to get some other folks to help him "look out" for it.

This from the Jacksonville *Times-Union*, is commended to those who are in high authority but who abuse their powers and use their positions for graft getting: "People who dread anarchy would do well to dread the causes that produce it."

Scientists have been foolish enough to let it get out that radium which sells on the market at $145,000 an ounce is found in petroleum. Rockefeller believes it and has raised the price of kerosene so he can get back some of the value of the radium that we extravagent people are burning.

Some of the North Carolina press glibly denounce the steal of the Panama canal, but they do not hesitate to gobble up what their newspaper brethers grind out. We see numbers of the STAR'S luminous eminations copied and credited to newspapers that have stolen the items out of the whole cloth.

FIVE WERE DROWNED

Coasting Schooner "Clarence H." Capsized With All on Board Wednesday Night.

BOUND FOR WIMINGTON.

Gale Too Much for Well Laden Little Craft Wreck and One Body Washed Ashore Near Cape Fear Life Saving Station—All White Men.

While attempting to get over the bar into a safe harbor in the teeth of a stiff northwest gale late Wednesday night, the coasting schooner "Clarence H.," bound from Shallotte, Brunswick county, to Wilmington, with a cargo of general merchandise, capsized off the mouth of the Cape fear river and all hands aboard, including crew of three and two passengers, all white, were drowned. The boat, bottom-up, with the body of one of the drowned men, washed ashore near Cape Fear Life Saving Station early yesterday morning and parties interested in Wilmington were at once notified. The bodies of the other dead had not been recovered according to latest information last night. The drowned men are:

Capt. Lucian Hewett, of Shallotte, master of the vessel, unmarried and aged about 28 years.

Mate Morriss Caison, of Shallotte, unmarried and aged about 26 years.

Cook Robinson, son of Mr. Hartford Robinson, a well-to-do citizen of Brunswick county, aged about 20.

Capt. James Lewis, of Brunswick county, a passenger, aged about 45 years and man of a family; former master of the sharpie "C. D. Maffitt."

Capt. William Lewis, of Federal Point, a brother of Capt. James Lewis, aged about 38 years and a well known fisherman.

The body of the last named is the only one thus far recovered. He was at once identified and his family, with that of the other lost brother, was at once notified.

The wrecked sharpie was built a year ago last Summer, and is owned by Messrs. Jackson Stanland and W. A. Frink, of Shallotte; Mr. W. H. Phillips, formerly of Shallotte, but now of this city, and Mr. R. V. Leonard, of Wilmington, the last named being agent for the schooner here. She is 54 feet long, 14½ feet wide, four feet deep and was 14 net tons register. Her value is about $1,500, with no insurance. Of course, however, she will not be a total loss. The schooner left Shallotte Wednesday about 1 o'clock with cargo of naval stores, cotton and all the clothing and household effects of Mr. Phillips, who lately removed to Wilmington and with Mrs. Phillips, was here awaiting their arrival. The steamer "Franklin Pearce," which arrived yesterday morning, left Shallotte after the departure of the schooner and Capt. Kermon said he passed her only a short way out. It is supposed—for the actual facts of the case may never be known—that the gale struck the little craft between 9 and 10 o'clock Wednesday night and that the sails were so manipulated that she turned over. The wreck on the island yesterday gave every evidence of that having been the fate of the craft. The wreck is in charge of Capt. J. E. Robinson, of the schooner "Bessie Moore," who has been engaged by the owners to look after their interests until Messrs. Phillips, Leonard and others from here can go down this morning. The cargo is valued at from $1,500 to $2,000. Mr. Phillips and wife, who were here awaiting the arrival of their household effects, were left with only the apparel they are wearing. The most of the property is expected to be found intact in the hold of the vessel, but, of course, will be ruined by the water.

King Kelly in Baseball.

"King" Kelly, of North Carolina baseball fame becomes manager of the Jacksonville, Fla., team for next season in the new South Atlantic League recently organized to embrace Charleston, Savannah, Augusta, Macon and Columbus, Ga. Will Wynne, of Raleigh, Suggs, of Kinston, Person, of Waynesville, and other North Carolina players are being signed by Kelly.

Junior Membership Contest.

The Junior Y. M. C. A. membership contest is waxing warm. The score last night stood: Reds, 10½ points; Yellows, 9. The winning team at the close of the contest will be given a sumptuous supper while the vanquished ones will be permitted to feast on bread and water.

Wilmington Negro Arrested.

Southport *Standard*: Wiley Weary, colored, a deck hand on the steamer "Wilmington," was arrested on Monday last on the charge of selling liquor without license, and now lies securely behind the prison bars in the county jail awaiting the next term of Superior Court, when he will answer to this serious charge. Mayor Swain fixed his bond at $200.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

T. D. Love—Shippers notice.

Academy of Music—Mildred & Rouclere Co.

Academy of Music—Harris-Parkinson Stock Co.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Radiator—Take the chill off.

Cape Fear Camp, U. C V.—Meeting.

— Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, was slightly indisposed yesterday and unable to be in his office a part of the day.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The New York steamer passed up from Southport at 6:30 P. M. yesterday.

— A team of Wilmington Odd Fellows went up to Burgaw and instituted a new lodge there last night.

— The STAR has with the compliments of the Home Brewing Co., an attractive calendar for the new year.

— The regular meeting of Cape Fear Camp No. 354, U. C. V., will be held at the W. L. I. armory to-night at 8 o'clock.

— A coal car was derailed for some time on the A. C. L. "dummy" track at Water and Chesnut streets yesterday.

— The government has appointed as United States Commissioner at Fayetteville ex-Judge Thomas H. Sutton, of the criminal court and a prominent member of the Fayetteville bar.

— Cotton receipts yesterday were the heaviest in some time—3,635 bales, against 1,935 same day last year. The market was nominal. Spirits was firm at 55c and there was nothing doing in rosin.

— By deed filed for record yesterday J. O. Brock and wife transferred to Mrs. I. Shrier, for $990, house and lot on east side Sixth, between Church and Castle streets, 37x66 feet in size.

— The Southport *Standard* chronicles the death of Miss Eliza Guthrie, sister of Capt. A. M. Guthrie and daughter of Mrs. Amelia Guthrie, which occurred at Southport last Thursday.

— Charlotte *Observer*: "Mr. C. Furber Jones, who has pneumonia and who was thought to be in extremis early yesterday morning, rallied yesterday afternoon and it is now thought that he has a chance for recovery."

— The bonds of Mr. C. M. Whitlock for installing the heating plant in the City Hall and Mr. Roger Moore for paving Market street, have been approved as to legal status and will be passed upon by the Board of Audit and Finance Tuesday night.

— Southport *Standard*: "Mrs. A. W. Rieger and Mr. M. B. Mintz were here on Tuesday and qualified as administrators of the estate of the late A. W. Rieger. They were accompanied by Dr. J. H. and J. C. Rieger, Esq., of Kansas City, brothers of the deceased."

— Plummer Johnson, a colored man found asleep in the office of the B. F. Keith Company by Policeman M. O. Gray at 2 o'clock yesterday morning is being held at the police station awaiting the appearance of Mr. Keith to prosecute him for trespass or larceny, or both.

— Police Sergeant Ward turned "house mover" for a short while yesterday. A small building on the O. A. N. grounds, near the old Seacoast railroad depot, was blown partially over the sidewalk at Ninth and Orange streets by the wind yesterday and Sergeant Ward directed the removal of the ruins from the sidewalk by a force of street workers.

— Southport *Standard*: "Invitations were sent out last Monday to the wedding of Miss Laura DeClifford Weeks to Capt. James B. Church, Jr., on Wednesday afternoon, December 16th, at one o'clock, in Trinity Methodist church. Miss Weeks is one of Southport's most popular young ladies and the wedding is looked forward to with much pleasure by her many friends."

JURY EXONERATED WATKINS.

Final Incident in Accidental Shooting of Cartwright Woman—Funeral.

The last incident to the accidental shooting of the Cartwright woman over a month ago and her subsequent death at the Hospital after a marvellous battle for life, was her burial yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Bellevue cemetery by Undertaker W E. Yopp. There were brief services at the grave by Rev. Geo. B Webster, pastor of Bladen street M. E church, but only the minister, the undertaker and his assistants were present to witness the pathetic and tragic end of an unhappy career such as was her's—unmourned, unwept.

Pursuant to recess the coroner's jury which had under investigation the circumstances of the death, met yesterday morning in the city court room and after hearing a report of the autopsy performed at the Hospital the afternoon previous, rendered a verdict exonerating Mr. Watkins as follows:

"We, the coroner's jury, having been duly named and sworn by Dr. C. D. Bell, coroner of New Hanover county, to inquire what caused the death of Mary Cartwright, do hereby report that from the investigation and evidence of witnesses that the said Mary Cartwright came to her death from the effects of a bullet wound in the head from the accidental discharge of a pistol falling from the person of Mr. A. Watkins on the night of November 4th, and the said Watkins is hereby exonerated from all blame in the matter."

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Richards.

Southport *Standard*: "A handsome memorial window has been placed in the front end of Trinity Methodist church. It is the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. E. V Richards, of Wilmington, and is erected to the memory of little Mary Elizabeth, deceased daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cranmer. The window is beautiful in design and represents much skill and labor. On last Sunday morning the congregation passed a resolution of thanks to Mr. Richards."

AFFAIRS OF COUNTY.

Commissioners and Auditing Committee of Board in Session Yesterday Afternoon.

THREE BONDS APPROVED.

W. W. King, Keeper of Cemetery and County Undertaker — Receipts and Disbursements of Public Funds in November — Statement.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the transaction of business necessarily left over from the annual meeting the first Monday in December, was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, all members having been present, viz: Chairman D. McEachern, Maj. Wm. F. Robertson and Messrs. W. F. Alexander, H. L. Vollers and M. W. Divine. A meeting of the Auditing Committee was subsequently held, Chairman McEachern and Messrs. Robertson and Vollers having been in attendance. The proceedings of the committee meeting consisted principally of approving bills for current expenses and an examination and approval of the usual monthly report of County Treasurer H. McL. Green and a special report by him as to the standing of the township road fund.

THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

A full attendance upon the commissioners' meeting having been noted, Commissioner Alexander who was not present at the regular meeting Monday, affixed his signatures to the bonds of county officials previously signed by other members of the Board.

An error having occurred in designating certain property on the tax lists as that of V. Gaskill against which an over-assessment of $750 was placed, it was ordered that the valuation of same be changed to $350.

W. W. King was re-appointed as keeper of Oak Grove cemetery, the public burying ground, and his salary was fixed same as last year—$100 per annum. Mr. King was also given the contract for furnishing coffins and burial of the poor at $2 each. There were no other bidders for the contract nor applicants for the position of keeper of the cemetery.

Further time having been granted at the meeting Monday, bonds of three county officers were submitted duly approved by Marsden Bellamy, Esq., county attorney, and signed by all the commissioners as follows:

Dr. C. D. Bell, coroner, in the sum of $2,000 with F. J. Gooding and T. S. Toler sureties, each of whom justified in the sum of $1,000.

W. H. Shearin, superintendent of convict camp, in the sum of $2,000 with Marsden Bellamy, Esq., and Samuel Blossom sureties, each of whom justified in the sum of $2,000.

M. G. Chadwick, keeper of County Home, in the sum of $1,000 with Geo. H. Heyer, I. J. Bear and Martin Newman sureties, each of whom justified in the sum of $1,000 except Mr. Heyer who justified in the sum of $5,000.

THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Examination and approval of reports of Treasurer Green were the principal items of business transacted by the Auditing Committee. The report for the month of November showed receipts and disbursements as follows:

Receipts—Balance to general fund, $2 234 81; special county fund, $1,709.71; road fund, $16,755; road sinking fund, $,2,235.01; property tax, $9,945 03; schedule B tax, $234.77; jury tax, $6.00; transfer to road fund, $500; back taxes, $236.46; jury tickets returned, $7.60; rents, $4; marriage license, $31 35. Total, $33,889.74.

Disbursements — Outdoor poor, $347.85; roads and bridges, $350 08; public buildings, $126 69; Superior Court, $394 55; jail, $204.30; stationery and advertising, $31.50; magistrates, $10 20; County Home, $148 60; refunded taxes, $2.30; tax listing, $29.60; Hospital, $600; County Commissioners, $130.25; Superintendent of Health, $100; Coroner, $24 40; Constable. $11.40; Clerk, $50; Janitor, $45; roads, $1.375; order of transfer from general to road fund, $500; Treasurer's commissions, $163.38; balance, $29,257.19. Total, $33,889.74.

The balance to the several funds was as follows: General, $9,429.02; Special County, $1,709.71; Roads, $15,888.45; Road Sinking, $2,235.01.

The account with the Township fund to Dec. 1st showed balance on April 1st as follows: Cape Fear, $39.79; Harnett, $161 58; Masonboro, $48.44; Federal Point, $1.98; Walter Scott, on account of Masonboro, $3. Receipts from J. A. Perry were as follows: Cape Fear, $15 50; Harnett, $22 50; Federal Point, $5; Harnett, $30; Masonboro, $3; Cape Fear, $5. Total, $323 79.

The disbursements were $30.80 in Harnett township and $11.61 in Masonboro, which with Treasurer's commissions of $1.43, left a balance on Dec. 1st of $279 95, divided among the townships as follows: Cape Fear, $48.37; Masonboro, $52 39; Federal Point, $6 92; Harnett, $173 37.

Died in its Mother's Arms.

Capt. Jno. H. Hanby, of Wrightsville, telephoned to the Court House yesterday to know if an inquest was necessary in the case of a most unusual death of an infant on the Sound yesterday morning. A colored woman went to sleep Wednesday night with her babe in her arms. When she awoke yesterday morning the child was dead. The woman said there was nothing to indicate that the child could have been smothered to death. The county authorities replied to the inquiry that there was no need for an inquest.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. W. R. Newbury, of Magnolia, was here yesterday.

— Mr. A. L. Bain, of Greensboro, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

— Mr. W. H. Bagley, of the Raleigh *News and Observer*, is at The Orton.

— R. G. Grady, Esq., went to Clinton yesterday to attend Superior Court.

— Mr. W. A. Sheppard, a well known travelling man of Richmond, Va., is at The Orton.

— Mr. C. N. Wire, of Philadelphia, the well known railroad promoter, is in Southport.

— Col. W. S. Cook, Fayetteville agent of the South Atlantic Transit Company, is here on business.

— Mrs. T. G. Covington, of Olio, S. C., is visiting the family of Mrs. P. E. Rivenbark, 416 Grace street.

— Messrs. O. L. Clark and O. L. Clark, Jr., of Clarkton, were among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton.

— Mrs. Chas. E. Borden, of Richmond, is here on a visit to her parents, Col. and Mrs. Jno. D. Taylor.

— Mrs. Gregg, of Sumter, S. C., and Miss Emnett left yesterday morning for a visit to Rocky Point and Burgaw.

— Mr. J. D. Frink, a leading merchant of Clarendon, N. C., is in the city on a business trip. He says his town is prospering and that from all over the country comes report of good times.

— Miss Bessie Williams, of this city, was maid of honor at the marriage of Miss Katie Sheetz to Mr. Eugene Maxwell Best, of LaGrange, N. C., at Fayetteville Wednesday night.

— Mrs. Samuel J. Springer left yesterday morning to spend the holidays at her former home in Washington, N. C., and to attend the marriage of her sister which will take place soon after Christmas.

— Southport *Standard*: "Mr. J. Fletcher Ruark, the affable bookkeeper for Messrs. Brooks & Taylor, of Wilmington, spent Sunday last at "Brierhurst," the county home of Prof. H. C. Schultz, a few miles from Southport."

— Mr. W. H. Phillips, of Shallotte, who has removed to the city with his wife and become interested in the Brunswick Grocery Co., is residing temporarily at No. 701 Dock street. Wilmington is glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Phillips as residents. Mr. Phillips for several terms represented Brunswick county in the Legislature.

POPULAR REPERTOIRE COMPANY.

Harris-Parkinson Big Stock Company Here All Next Week—Opening Bill.

Next Monday night the Harris-Parkinson big stock company will open a week's engagement at the Academy of Music, the opening play being "Slaves of the Orient," a startling melodrama of life in the Far East under the Sultan. Robert H. Harris, the Sothern romantic actor, will be in one of his strongest parts. Mr. Harris has long been identified as one of the strongest and most pleasing actors of the present day. He is this season supported by Marie La Tour, recent leading lady with one of the Charles Frohman forces, and a powerful acting company of twenty people. This company will present the strongest line of royalty plays ever brought South at popular prices, among them Maud Adams' great success, "The Little Minister," "In Sunny Tennessee," "A True Kentuckian," "The Scout" and others. Between acts specialties will be introduced.

Popular prices—10, 20 and 30 cents—will prevail for the entire engagement, and seats for Monday night's performance will be on sale at Plummer's tomorrow morning.

REWARD FOR MERIT.

Gifted Young Wilmingtonians Captured Prizes for Literary Skill.

Solomon's Shoe Store received notice yesterday from the manufacturers of the Little Giant School Shoes, to present to Master Wilbur Gore and Miss Hattie Ray Kline, both of this city, a pair each of the best Little Giant School Shoes as prizes, they having won them in the "Fairy Story Contest" that the Dalton Shoe Company, of Dalton, Mass., has been conducting for the past four months.

Little Miss Kline is only six years of age, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kline. Each of the contestants received a very complimentary letter from the manufacturers of the shoe, complimenting them upon being two of the successful ten contestants.

Menhaden Season Over.

After having been in operation little more than a week the Atlantic Fisheries plant at Old Brunswick has closed for the season and the steamer "Atlantic," the only one sent here by the company this season, has returned North. Menhaden are now scarce, but they were very plentiful earlier in the season. The Atlantic fisheries were too late in opening.

To Attend a Wedding.

Miss Lottie L. Mason left for Point Caswell yesterday morning to attend the wedding of Miss Minnie Vollers to Mr. George Kelley Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Baptist church. Miss Mason will be maid of honor. The bridal party will arrive in the city Saturday evening over the A. & Y. railroad.

COAST LINE WRECK.

Dozen Freight Cars Piled Up on the Track Three Miles Beyond Navassa.

A RATHER UNLUCKY TRAIN.

Two Mishaps to No. 80 from Florence to Wilmington Yesterday — Brakeman Slightly Injured—W., C. & A. Tracks Were Blocked.

The Atlantic Coast Line suffered another very disastrous freight wreck yesterday and one which will perhaps cost the company thousands of dollars. Fortunately, however, no lives were lost and no one was seriously hurt. The story of the wreck is a series of mishaps which befel through freight train No. 80, from Wilmington to Florence, and due here at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. The chapter of accidents begins at Fair Bluff, about 60 miles from Wilmington, on the W., C. & A. railroad, very early yesterday morning, when a box car of the train of about twenty-five, flew the track near the South Carolina line. The car was more or less demolished and the accident blocked the train for a few hours. The passenger train for Charleston was delayed two hours. The wrecking train was sent out from Wilmington and soon cleared the track.

The freight train proceeded and was making good time towards its destination when early in the afternoon some disarrangement of a journal under a car near the middle of the train gave way and between ten and fifteen other cars were derailed and piled up in a confused heap on the track and upon each side about seven miles from the city, between Malmo and Navassa station. Some of them are cross ways, others are on end and many of them are completely demolished. Persons who witnessed the heap of ruins say it is the worst freight wreck they ever saw before. The train had just passed over a long trestle and it was fortunate that the disarrangement under the car did not occur a minute sooner.

The engine and two cars in front of the train and the caboose and several other cars on the rear did not leave the track, else loss of life and serious injury to the crew would have certainly resulted. George Herring, a brakeman of this city, was badly shaken, up and more or less bruised by the shock, but no bones were broken. The wrecked cars were laden with cotton, lumber, phosphate rock and other material, much of which is smashed up in the wreck. The injured brakeman was brought to Wilmington and given attention by Drs. Pride J. Thomas and Jno. C. Wessell, of the A. C. L. Relief Department, after which he was sent to his home on Sixth street.

Soon after the accident another wrecking train was sent out from Wilmington and Mr. W. J. Haylow, superintendent of transportation; Mr. Walter Forlong, engineer of roadway, and other Coast Line officials left at once for the scene. An extra train was sent to transfer passengers, mail and express from the train due here from the south at 1:45 P. M. and the same transfer had to be made for the return trip of the same train, causing a two hour delay. Although 40 or 50 men worked all last night in an attempt to clear the track it was still blocked and a transfer had to be made for the Charleston train due here at 11:20 P. M. The transfer train did not reach the city until 1:15 o'clock this morning, and it was stated that a transfer would again have to be made this morning for the Charleston train leaving the city at 6 o'clock.

SENTRY AND A RED FLAG.

More About the Alley Controversy Between Mr. Bailey and the City.

The alley controversy between Mr. E. P. Bailey and the city authorities reached the acute stage yesterday when Mr. Bailey, exercising his claim to police his own premises as he desires, placed a guard with a rifle on his shoulder and a red flag nailed to the ground in the alley leading from Second street to the Wilmington Iron Works. The guard was W. J. Johnson, the plumber who was recently pardoned by Governor Aycock, and he carried on his shoulder a Winchester repeating rifle. Chief Police Furlong saw the sentry pacing the alley, but he pulled up the red flag and flaunted it in Johnson's face, so to speak, and told Johnson that if he didn't "get off the earth" he would put him, gun and all in the guard house. That closed the incident.

NEGRO PERHAPS FATALLY BURNED.

Tramp on Coast Line Suffered from Fire Built to Warm Himself.

Isaac Bryan, colored, 17 years old, is at the James Walker Memorial Hospital suffering from burns of which he may die. The boy lives in Wilmington but had been to Rocky Point and told Dr. Akerman at the hospital that he was "travelling;" presumably on his way back to Wilmington. He built a fire near the railroad track to warm himself and either while asleep or in some other way his clothing caught the blaze and he was severely burned about the hips, thigh and lower parts of the body. He was brought to Wilmington on an A. C. L. train Wednesday afternoon and sent immediately to the hospital.

— Mr. William Struthers is confined to his home by a slight illness.

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IS VAUDEVILLE POPULAR?

That of Class Furnished by Mildred and Rouclere Company is Great.

Without a single exception vaudeville productions in Wilmington heretofore have been a dismal failure and impatient critics have declared in their haste that no vaudeville is popular in the South. Not so with the Mildred and Rouclere company of entertainers who were seen and appreciated last night at the Academy by an audience which was large, considering the temperature both on the inside and outside of the theatre. Every minute of the time was full of startling and entertaining features and the company's own orchestra between curtains made a delightful hit.

The strongest acts were perhaps Mildred and Rouclere in the "Flight of Princess Iris," which has already set the town to talking and trying to explain; Kitamura's Royal Japanese Troupe; Rouclere in a series of original novelties as an adept manipulator, and Mildred in exhibitions of mental phenomena.

With a change of bill almost throughout, the company will again be seen to-night, to-morrow at matinee and to-morrow night.

THE ACT OF AN INCENDIARY.

Fire Probably Set to Residence Where Dance Was in Progress Last Night.

While a dance was in progress last night shortly 11 o'clock at the home of Mr. A. S. Faircloth, No. 307 Dawson street, smoke was discovered to be coming up through the floor and ceiling, and further investigation proved that directly under an adjoining room a blaze had been started either by an incendiary or from some other most unusual source. An alarm was sent to the Department from box 47 at 11:18 o'clock, and the firemen soon extinguished the flames. There is no clue to the probable incendiary, and no motive can be assigned. The building belongs to Mr. E. P. H. Strunck, and the damage is about $15.

Championship Game To-night.

The last game of basket ball in the Y. M. C. A. series until after the holidays will be played to-night between the Littles and the Loughlins, both of which are tied for first place and are in fine trim for the decisive battle. The winner of the contest will be the undisputed champion for the present half of the season. The game will be called promptly at 8:30 o'clock and the Loughlins will line up with H. E. Boney and E. O. Hunter, guards; J. J. Loughlin, centre, and Albert Dosher and J Frank, forwards. For the Littles, A. C. Boney and E. T. Hancock will play guards; F. DuPre, centre, and W. A. Little and Robt. Houston, forwards. The friends of both teams are expected out in full force.

Howard Relief Company.

The Howard Relief Company at its annual meeting Monday night re, elected by a unanimous vote all the old officers for the ensuing year, viz: President, Martin Rathjen; Vice President, J. W. Duls; Secretary and Treasurer, J. G. L. Gieschen; Marshal, Martin, Schnibben; First Assistant Marshal, H. T. Duls; Second Assistant Marshal, H. L. Vollers. Guard Wm. Tienken. The handsome new club house of the company will be formally opened on New Year's eve with a house warming.

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A SCALP LOCK

is something to get hold of. But here are some other kinds of

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To name all the different kinds of locks we carry would take a lot of space. Perhaps it is enough to say that we have every sort that is made for outdoor and indoor use—for trunks, crates, etc.

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The Steamer Highlander will leave Mondays and Thursdays, and the Steamer City of Fayetteville Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 P. M. for Fayetteville. Gate will close at 3:30 P. M., and no freight will be received for steamer leaving at 4 after 3:30.

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WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

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FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 11.

IS HANNA A CONSPIRATOR?

The evidence before the military committee at Washington either shows that General Leonard Wood is guilty of the charges against him or that a villainous conspiracy has been hatched up against the President's favorite. If it is a conspiracy, Senator Hanna is a party to it or else has been duped by the conspirators.

As a party to the conspiracy, if there be any, Senator Hanna should get the cold shoulder at the White House, and if it is not a conspiracy President Roosevelt will lose the respect of the American people if he blindly continues his efforts to place honors upon a man who would be guilty of the charges made against General Wood.

The investigation has reached such a stage that President Roosevelt must feel squirmish since he has again sent Wood's nomination to the Senate for confirmation. If he is not made to appear to appreciate the situation, it would seem that he is obstinately determined to stand by Gen. Wood and thus discredit every one of the reputable and creditable witnesses who have testified.

As we have said before, if the testimony is true, Gen. Wood is unfit to even be a birgadier in the army, and if it is not true, as the President refuses to believe, then Commander Young and others should be made to walk the plank. The testimony of the witnesses, however, is strongly corroborative, one of the other, and it behooves Gen. Wood to come home from the Philippines to make a defence that will be satisfactory to the American people.

We would not be surprised at all if Roosevelt is not forced to recall the nomination of Wood, and if the matter goes further we are bound to believe that it will bring about a sure enough breach between Hanna and the President.

ROOSEVELT'S POLITICAL DICKERINGS.

The STAR a few days ago spoke of the scandalons conduct of President Roosevelt in performing his political jobbery in the White House. If he keeps it up he will even set the G. O. P. elephant to trumpeting its disgust. His latest political dicker is likely to raise the quills up on Senator Hanna's back—that is if the story is true. It comes from the Washington correspondent of the Richmond *Times-Dispatch*, who writes under date of December 8th, as follows:

"The Republican members of Congress from Ohio are outspokenly wrathy with the President for his course in regard to affairs in that State. The latest cause of wrath is his having to dinner yesterday former Lieutenant Governor Gordon, of Ohio, who resigned his position to become president of the Board of Aldermen of that city. The President is said to have questioned Gordon closely regarding the situation in that State, especially as to whether he could carry it as against Hanna. The representatives charge that for some time Mr. Roosevelt has been calling in outsiders, as they term others than members of Congress, and questioning them along the lines of those put to Mr. Gordon. That they do not like it is putting it mildly. There has not been heard any party criticism of Mr. Roosevelt as bitter as that the Ohioans are indulging in.

"They say that Gordon is not the man to keep the President informed concerning political conditions in the Buckeye State, and that, furthermore, it is decidedly improper for the President to be making inquiries as to the possibilities of his beating Senator Hanna, when the latter is expected to do all he can to help Mr. Roosevelt carry the State in the general election.

"Mr. Roosevelt's course in this matter is thoroughly Roosevelitan."

FINE LOT OF CATTLE.

The Washington *Post* says it is very plain that our constitution does not follow the flag, and cites us to the kind of cattle in the Philippines that would come under our constitution if it were so. A statement made by General Davis, of the United States Army, concerning some of the inhabitants of the Philippines, shows what manner of men would be our fellow citizens if the constitution follows the flag? In speaking of the Moros, General Davis says:

"The debtor who cannot pay becomes, with his family, the slave of the creditor. The debtor thus loses all his rights, and his children can be sold throughout the archipelago. He can, however, buy the liberty of his family at the risk of his own life; i. e., for the largest number of Christians whom he can slay."

The *Post* exclaims: "Imagine our flag flying over, and standing for a condition of affairs like that."

It looks like we are out of place with our flag as much as we would be with our constitution, unless the plan is to keep it waving there until the Moros are exterminated.

HIDING OUT AS ONE MAN.

The Panamaians "rose as one man" in that secession of theirs, says President Roosevelt in his message. They must also have been hiding out as one man when our 70 marines with wabbling backbones for two days and two nights had to face 450 mad Colombian soldiers. When we were doing the nice thing by this very bloodless revolution "where were they at" that they didn't give the imperilled marines just a sly tounch of the elbow?

CURRENT COMMENT.

— A Pennsylvania postoffice has been robbed of $2,200. The remarkable feature of the affair is that the robbery was committed by parties not connected with the office.—*Washington Post.*

— We are learning things every day. We now have executive authority for the statement that there is a difference between 12 o'clock noon and 12 o'clock noon of the same day.—*Washington Post.*

— Washington *Post*: Gen. Reyes is saving a good deal on his hotel bill by lunching freely with State Department officials. This is a decided consideration to a government that trades $1,600 in paper currency for $1 in real money.

— The widow of Frederick Douglas, the great negro leader, died Wednesday, Dec. 2d. She was a white woman and sixty-five years of age. It is hoped that President Roosevelt did not neglect the opportunity of attending her funeral, just to show how much he is in earnest in his regard for the equality of the races.—*Charleston News and Courier.*

— With some little amusement we learn that Mr. Murphy, Tammany's new leader, proposes to bring Mayor-elect McClellan into the Presidential arena next year. Mr. McClellan is a fine young man, able and popular, and there is no doubt that he would make an excellent President if he was eligible under the Constitution. It may be that a little thing like the Constitution will be considered by Mr. Murphy, but we take it that the few remaining millions of American citizens will view the situation in a serious light. The Constitution provides among other things, that the President of the United States must be a native-born citizen. Mr. McClellan was born in Dresden, Saxony, on November 23, 1865, "where his parents had gone on a visit," to quote his autobiography. While it is true that Mr. McClellan's birth in Saxony was a circumstances over which he had no control, and which might have been avoided if his parents had foreseen the contingency which now arises, the fact remains that he is not a native-born citizen. He was born abroad, and if it be asserted that the Constitution must not be accepted too literally, there will be an opening of Pandora's box. If one man who is born abroad is elgigible, why not another? Where is the line to be drawn? But, even more to the point, it is a grave question whether the Democratic party can afford to select a candidate whose eligibility is doubtful. A decision of the United States Supreme Court would assuredly be sought, during which time much uncertainty would exist. It does not stand to reason that all this doubt and confusion will be deliberately invited by Mr. McClellan's friends. Again we repeat that Mr. McClellan is a fine young man and that he would make a most acceptable President. He cannot, however, hope to achieve that high honor unless he manages to be born again.

TWINKLINGS.

— "Don't be afraid of the slippery floor, Miss Gushly; I will support you." "Oh, Mr. Fledgely, this is so sudden."—*Cleveland Plain-Dealer.*

— "S'pose dey wuz a turkey fer ever' po' man in de country?" "Wouldn't help matters any; dey'd sho' have wings enough ter roost out er reach."—*Atlanta Constitution.*

— "If everybody acted on my motto, 'Let well enough alone,' the world would be much happier." "Make an exception of physicians. Half of them would starve to death."—*Kansas City Journal.*

— The Judge—You say your wife hit you over the head with a plate. Bastus—Yes, sah. The Judge—But your head doesn't show it. Rastus—But you done oughter see dat plate.—*Life.*

— Alkell Ike—And how did Texas Ted take th' Jedge's decision 'gainst him? Arizona Pete—At last accounts he'd his foot in th' Jedge's face an' was talkin' 'bout standing on his honor.—*Yale Record.*

— He (passionately)—Oh, how I hate to leave you! Why, I could sit here and make love to you until morning. She—But you mustn't stay any longer than that, dear. Remember, you have your business to attend to.—*Town Topics.*

— "But," suggested the manager's assistant, "why not cast Manley for the villain? He's just the man for the part." "I know he is," replied the manager, "but he declares he won't smoke cigarettes."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "Dis'll be a easy goin' world when dey gits dem airships perfected," observed Meandering Mike. "Yes, I don't tink," rejoined Tired Timothy. "Why, all de picturs uv dem flyin' merchines wot I've seen ain't got no trucks."—*Chicago News.*

— Diner—Waiter, there is a slight mistake. I ordered a Spring chicken and a bottle of 1884 Pommery. Waiter—Yes, sir. Diner—You have brought me some Pommery of last Spring and a chicken of 1884.—*Christian Register.*

— Statesman (at close of protracted interview)—You are sure you have written everything I have said and exactly as I said it? Stenographer (just out of the factory)—Yes, sir; I've got it down all right. The only trouble I ever have is in reading my notes after I've written 'em.—*Chicago Tribune.*

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A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

Reduced Rates—Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Charlotte, N. C., North Carolina State Baptist Convention. Tickets sold Dec. 4th, 9th and 10th; final limit Dec. 16th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington, N. C., $7.75.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Salisbury *Sun*: We are assured that the penitentiary will clear from $65,000 to $70,000 this year. If that is so we don't care if a convict does walk off occasionally.

— Miss Mary Estes, of Caldwell county, is the first lady to have been appointed tax collector in the history of the State. Her father was sheriff and on his death she was appointed to collect the taxes.

— Kinston *Free Press*, Nov. 8th: Anthony Barber, a colored man employed by the Hines Bros. Lumber Co., was killed yesterday afternoon about 9 miles from Kinston, by the train on the company's railroad. Barber was drunk, and had lain down on the track.

— Winston *Sentinel*: The Charlotte *News* is severe on Governor Aycock for the exercise of his pardoning power. It appears to be easy for the Governors to err in turning loose on society men that have been convicted by the courts.

— Streams in the western part of the State are unusually low, and up in Alleghany county, owing to the remarkable cold and this lowness of the water, the creeks were frozen for the first time in the month of November.

— Greensboro *Record-Dispatch*: Mr. Isaiah Smith, of Madison township, who was in town to-day, told us that his little daughter caught a red rabbit in a gum yesterday. The little animal is about half grown and Mr. Smith will keep it as a pet.

— Red Springs *Citizen*: One of the latest industries inaugurated in this section is a spiritine plant near Buie's, with Mr. Chas. L. Donders as local manager. We learn that the plant is under successful operation, and shipments of the various products manufactured are being made.

— It is said that Editor T. J. Lowry, of the Mt. Airy *News*, has invented a machine, and experts tell him that it will make him a millionaire. A patent has been applied for and Mr. Lowry has been assured that it will be granted. He declines to give out any particulars for publication just now regarding his invention.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: A negro farmer in Anson county last year paid all his debts and has 70 bales of cotton on hand. Fifteen years ago he was a cropper on a one-horse farm. He now owns his farm and runs fifteen horses. He has done more for the negro race than all the problem solvers in the country.

— A Chapell Hill correspondent says: News was received here Saturday of the extreme illness of Professor Collier Cobb, at Lilesville, where he had gone on a trip. Prof. Cobb had a prescription filled which called for paregoric, but the druggist, by mistake, used carbolic acid. He is in a very critical condition and his recovery is doubtful.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Our Snow Hill correspondent notes that there swings in that town an old bell inscribed "Ceres of London, 1792." The bell has been doing duty for several generations, and is still in a state of perfect preservation and usefulness. This is an interesting piece of news. There are numbers of such objects of historic interest scattered about here and there throughout our southland especially in Virginia and the Carolinas. Some day, perhaps, our people will learn more fully the value of these relics, and we will take greater care of them.

— Charlotte *News:* The Catawba Power Company, near Rock Hill, will soon have electric power to sell in Charlotte at about half the price the users of it are paying now. It will be recalled that the contract with the Four C's regarding the lighting of the city terminates, so far as present prices go, upon the introduction of electric power from outside. The company is making the plea that it cannot afford to heat the street cars with power generated by steam power, which in turn calls for the consumption of coal. The electric lights are costing the city too much, and the private users of light and of power are paying too much.

— "Miss Daugherty," said the middle aged man, abruptly, "I want you for my wife." "And what does your wife want me for?" asked the feminine end of the sketch. "To wash, iron, and cook," he replied, "and the wages will be $4.98 per week." "I'll go you," answered the maid. And a few seconds later they left the intelligence office together.—*Chicago News.*

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th; also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 22nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

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The Crown.

There is no mention of crowns before the eighth century after Christ. The crown really did not become the head covering of kings until the times of the Christian rulers after the might and power of pagan Rome were broken. Before those days the crowning was done with a helmet. This change in the method of crowning the rulers is typical of the changes that occurred in the spirit that animated nations and races in the selection of their kings.

The first kings and chiefs, after the world had emerged from the patriarchal forms of government, were selected almost altogether for their prominence as leaders in war. Thus, gradually, the chief of the army became the chief of the nation. Almost all the ancient kings were military despots. Then, with the prevalence of Christianity and the overthrow of the old governments, came the new rulers who claimed to rule by divine right. They, too, were almost all military despots, especially in the beginning, but the world had progressed far enough to demand more proof of authority to rule than mere brute power.

Travels of a Bullseye.

A German scientist says that if a marksman at noon on a cloudless, windless day sets his rifle so that it will cover the bullseye of a target the gun will in the same position the next day, if it also happens to be cloudless and windless, shoot "high left." "The bullseye is apparently attracted by the position of the sun or of any other luminous point," says the scientist, "and apparently during the day follows the course of the sun in a semicircular line on the target."

This seemingly changed position of an object under the changing influence of light cannot, he thinks, be produced by refraction nor by the changing temperature of the air nor by changing barometric pressure. The change of position is instantly responsive to the sun breaking through a cloud. It cannot be akin to mirage, because the shooter would then have to lower his gun at noon instead of elevating it as he now does.

One of the Only "Kel's" Plays.

An ancient baseball fan tells this story to illustrate the quickness and trickiness of Mike Kelly, the one time king of the green diamond:

"A game between Boston and Washington was played at Beantown. Charlie Bennett was catching, and Mike Kelly was sitting on the bench when a foul which Bennett could not possibly get goes up in the air toward the bench, and Kelly, being captain, yells to the umpire that he will put Bennett out of the game, and at the same time he puts on a mitt with lightning speed and catches the ball. He then tries to make the umpire allow the catch, but the umpire, after wrangling a long time with Kelly, decides the ball was in play and Bennett could not be removed from the game until the ball had been caught by a player in the game, so he ordered the batsman to hit over. This was quick thought of Kelly, even if it did not work."

Origin of the Tomato.

The English word of direct Indian origin most frequently in use is tomato. A native of tropical or subtropical America, it was cultivated by the subjects of the Incas and Montezumas, as well as by the other semi-civilized natives, long before the advent of Europeans on this hemisphere under the name of tumati or tomati. Though introduced into Europe almost as early as its congener, the potato, it was many years before it made its way into popular favor. There it was first known to the English as love apple, to the French as pomme d'amour and to the Italians as pomi d'amore, and these names are still in use, perpetuating the old, widespread notion that its use as food had an influence on the amatory passions.

School Customs In China.

Many strange school customs prevail in China. The girls in that country seldom go to school unless they are the children of very rich people. School work begins before daylight, and after studying their lessons aloud for two hours the pupils recite them. They then go home to breakfast, after which they return and study again till dinner time. In the afternoon they go again to school to prepare lessons for the following day. By this time it is night. This goes on every day of the week, for there is no such thing as the Sunday holiday.

Billion and Trillion.

There are two systems of numeration in use at the present day, commonly called the English and the French systems. In the former the billion is a million of millions, a trillion a million of billions and each denomination is a million times the one preceding. In the latter (which is the system used in the United States) the billion is a thousand millions, and each denomination is a thousand times the preceding.

Why He Was Single.

"Why don't you marry?" asked one Frenchman of another.

"Because I must do it on certain conditions."

"What conditions?"

"Well, you know, the lady must be beautiful, rich and a fool. If she isn't rich and beautiful, I won't take her, and if she isn't a fool she won't take me!"

She Could Spell Too.

While waiting in the reception room for their hostess some visitors were entertained by that lady's four-year-old daughter. One of the callers remarked to the other:

"She is not very p-r-e-t-t-y."

"No," instantly replied the child; "I am not very p-r-e-t-t-y, but I am very s-m-a-r-t."—New York Times.

The Publishers' Error.

"The publishers told Arthur that he would have to rewrite a good portion of his book before they could bring it out."

"Humph! I should think they would have had him rewrite some of the bad portions."—Kansas City Journal.

Musical Diagnosis.

"What an awful voice that man's got!" said the manager, who was listening to the throaty tenor.

"Call that a voice?" said his friend. "It's a disease!"—Punch.

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To the Editor of the STAR: We have received a letter from the Hon. H. Mason of Jacksonville, Fla., which we hope you will publish for the benefit of everybody in this city. We also send you a photograph of Mr. Mason, which please print with the article if you have space. Yours very truly Robt. R. Bellamy.

The letter Mr. Bellamy refers to reads as follows:

"Dear Sir—A couple of months ago I contracted a severe cold, which it seemed impossible to cure. It settled on my lungs, causing a hard cough, which kept me awake nights, and soon weakened my system so that I was unable to attend to my duties. Vinol, that delicious tasting cod liver oil preparation, was recommended to me by a friend who had used it with wonderful results. I purchased a couple of bottles of our local druggist, Mr. Conover, and

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began to take it. The second night after, I only had one coughing spell, and within a week I was not coughing once during the night. Naturally my progress was fast after this, and my lungs healed rapidly, my strength returned and I gained in flesh and health. In fact this wonderful preparation restored me to a perfect condition, and I now feel better and younger than I have for years. I certainly think it a wonderful remedy to cure coughs, colds, sore lungs and build up a run-down system. (Signed) H. Mason."

We are glad to publish this letter for Mr. Bellamy, as it is not only interesting, but thoroughly proves that all his claims for the wonderful curative powers of his Vinol are fully substantiated by unquestionable testimony. We hope that many sick and ailing people in this city may be benefitted by this information.—*Editor.*

An Old Recipe.

Here is a recipe for the bite of a mad dog taken from the "Universal Magazine of Knowledge," published by John Hinton at the King's Arms in Newgate street, London, May, 1753: "Take the youngest shoots of the elder tree, peel off the outside rind, then, scraping off the green rind, take two handfuls of it, which simmer a quarter of an hour in five pints of ale. Strain it off and when cold put it in bottles. Take half a pint, make warm the first thing in the morning and the last at night and be sure to keep yourself warm; also bathe the part affected with some of the liquor warmed, the dose to be repeated the next new or full moon after the first. It is good for cattle as well as the human species."

Whims of a Horse.

The better the horse the more spirit he has. The disposition of an Arab hunter is thus described by Sewell Ford in "Horses Nine:" No paragon, however, was Pasha. He had a temper, and his whims were as many as those of a schoolgirl. He was particular as to who put on his bridle. He had notions concerning the manner in which a currycomb should be used. A red ribbon or a bandanna handkerchief put him in a rage, while green, the holy color of the Mohammedan, soothed his nerves. A lively pair of heels he had, and he knew how to use his teeth.

MARINE.

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Clyde steamer Carib, Chichester, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

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List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 11.

STEAMERS.

Devonshire, (Br) 2,364 tons, Coull, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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SCHOONERS.

Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Mafflit.

Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, C D Mafflit.

Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Mafflit.

C C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, C D Mafflit.

Ida C Southard, 718 tons, Blake, C D Mafflit.

Wm P Hood, 632 tons, Philpot, C D Mafflit.

BRIGS.

Sullivan, 295 tons, McNeil, J T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Telefon, (Nor) 711 tons, Olsen, Heide & Co.

Kampfjord, (Nor) 743 tons, Christiansen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—374 bales cotton, 73 barrels tar, 19 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—349 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 9 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—2,679 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 29 barrels rosin, 180 barrels tar, 36 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—305 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 35 barrels tar.

Steamer Whitlock—6 casks spirits turpentine.

Steamer Franklin Pierce—11 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 56 barrels rosin.

Schooner Missouri—9 bales cotton, 101 barrels rosin.

Schooner Lilly May—8 bales cotton, 89 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—3,685 bales cotton, 96 casks spirits turpentine, 186 barrels rosin, 247 barrels tar, 96 barrels crude turpentine.

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STAR OFFICE, December 10.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 55c per gallon.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.70 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 51c; rosin steady at $1.30@1.35; tar firm at $1 60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	26
Rosin	186
Tar	247
Crude turpentine	96

Receipts same day last year—26 casks spirits turpentine, 246 barrels rosin, 303 barrels tar, 61 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal at 12c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 7¾c for middling.

Receipts—3,635 bales; same day last year, 1,925.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 65@70c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23@23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 35@40c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5¼@5½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 40@45c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Money on call was firm at 4@6 per cent., closing bid 4 per cent., and offered at 4½ per cent.; time loans quiet; sixty days, 6 per cent.; ninety days 6 per cent.; six months 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.35@483.85 for demand and 479.75@479.80 for sixty-day bills. The posted rates were 480½@481 and 484@484½. Commercial bills 479¾@479½. Bar silver 54½. Mexican dollars 41. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 105½; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107¼; do. coupon, 107¼; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133¾; do. coupons 133¾; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 113¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 87; Chesapeake & Ohio 34; Manhattan L 142¾; New York Central 118; Reading 43¾; do. 1st preferred 77; do. 2nd preferred 60; St. Paul 140¾; do. pref'd, 171½; Southern Railway 20¾; do. pref'd 77; Amalgamated Copper 45¼; People's Gas 96⅝; Tennessee Coal and Iron 31½; U. S. Leather 7⅛; U. S. Leather, preferred, 77½; Western Union 86; U. S. Steel 10½; do. preferred 54; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 23¾; sales—shares; do. preferred, closed 92; sales—shares. Standard Oil 660.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 10.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 12@13¼; do. preferred, 31¼@32½; do. bonds, fours, 72@72¼. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 108 bid; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 10.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales—casks. Rosin steady; sales—barrels: A, B, C, $2 20; D, $2 30. E, $2 30; F, $2 30; G, $2 15; H, $2 35; I, $2 45; K, $3 70; M, $3 80; N, $3 95; W, G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 10.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 55c; receipts 474 casks; sales 388 casks; exports 52 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 1,885 barrels; sales 1,355 barrels; exports 1,350 barrels: Quote: A, B, C, $2 20; D, $2 20; E, $2 20; F, $2 20; G, $2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of seven points to an advance of two points, the decline being in sympathy with disappointing cables which induced liquidation by room longs. Almost immediately, however, the market was rallied by a renewal of bull support and reports that Northern spinners have been buying very freely recently, and with the outside buying orders the market was advanced, until near the end of the first twenty minutes prices were net four to six points higher. The advance was the signal for considerable bear pressure and as the market started downward rumors were circulating that a strong bear clique had been formed on the theory that the continued bull movement is offsetting in the popular mind the government's small crop estimate while it was also reported that demand in the Southern spot markets was falling off. Interior receipts also were running full although the port movement shows a subsiding tendency and the accumulation of stocks at interior towns is believed to point to a good increase in the week's visible supply figures. Notwithstanding these factors the market showed great stubbornness under pressure. At one time just before midday it was at a net decline of nine to fifteen points on the active months, but was rallied again and in the early afternoon ruled rather firm and very irregular. The close was steady with July one point higher, but the other months unchanged to ten points lower. Sales were estimated at 400,000 bales. Exports were full. Estimates for to-morrow's leading points about a stand-off, and the Southern spot markets easier at unchanged prices to a decline at ⅛c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Cotton quiet at 12.25c; net receipts — bales; gross receipts 737 bales; stock 67,767 bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 11.85, January 11.98, February 12.09, March 12.20, April 12.33, May 12.37, June 12.24, July 12.25, August 11.93.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 15 points lower; middling uplands 12.25; middling gulf 12.50c; sales 4,310 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 47,423 bales; exports to Great Britain 7,776 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 10,983 bales; Japan 3,737 bales; stock 913,807 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 361,364 bales; exports to Great Britain 45,131 bales; exports to France 15,845 bales; exports to the Continent 105,097 bales; exports to Japan 5,807 bales; exports to Mexico 1,635 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,387,469 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,355,470 bales; exports to France 453,456 bales; exports to the Continent 1,250,490 bales; exports to Japan 16,949 bales; exports to Mexico 16,955 bales.

Dec 10.—Galveston, steady at 11-15c, net receipts 15,446 bales: Norfolk, dull at 12¾c, net receipts 4 364 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 12.25c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 12 25, net receipts 41 bales; Wilmington, dull at 12c, net receipts 3,833 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 12.50c, net receipts 10 bales; Savannah, quiet at 11¾c, net receipts 7,035 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 11¾c, net receipts 19,877 bales; Mobile, easy at 11¾c, net receipts 149 bales; Memphis, steady at 12c, net receipts 3 383 bales; Augusta, easy at 12¾c, net receipts 1,726 bales; Charleston, steady at 11¾c, net receipts 1,518 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Flour was dull but steady. Rye flour dull. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 3 red 89¾c. Options opened easy on cables and favorable Southwest weather news. Rallying with the West, they subsequently broke under reports that prominent Chicago bulls were unloading. From this a second rally occurred on talk of a bullish crop report, big flour clearances and a bullish Michigan State report, closing ¼@⅜c net higher: May closed 84⅞c; July closed 81½c; December closed 89⅝c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 51¾. Option market was fairly active and strong all day on less favorable weather news, light interior receipts, covering and a good bull support, the close being ¼@⅜c net higher; May closed 49¼c; December 51¾c. Sugar—Raw nominal; refined dull. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2 41c. Lard steady; refined steady; continent $7 15; compound 6¼@6¾c. Pork steady; family $15 25@15 50; short clear $13 00@15 50. Butter steady; extra creamery 25c; State dairy 15@22c. Tallow firm. Cheese was quiet; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3@5c. Potatoes were firm; Long Island $3 17½; Jerseys $3 00@3 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 12@2 35. Cabbage firm; domestic, per 100 $6 00@10 00; per barrel $1 50@2 25. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12c. Molasses firm; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice 31@38c. Cotton seed oil was firm and fairly active, without further change: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 26@27; prime summer yellow 35@35½c; off summer yellow nominal at 33c; prime white 37@38c; prime winter yellow 33@40c.

CHICAGO, December 10.—Heavy selling in the wheat pit to-day, with an absence of any substantial support, caused a decline of 1¼ from the high point of the day in the May option and over 2c in December. A rally, however, preceded the close, which, compared with last night, showed a net loss of ¼@½c. Other grains were strong. May corn closing ¼@½c higher, with oats up ½c. May provisions closed from 7½ to 12c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Cash prices: Flour—Market steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 81; No. 3 spring 78c; No. 2 red 81¼@84¼c. Corn—No. 2 41¾c; No. 2 yellow 44c. Oats—No. 2 34¼c; No. 3 white 35@37c. Rye—No. 2 50½@51c. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 37½@11 50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 40@6 42½. Short rib sides, loose, $6 00@6 25. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 12½@6 25. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 80@80½, 80¾, 78¼, 79¾c; May 81@81¾, 81¾, 80¼, 80¼@80¾c; July 70½@70¾, 76¾@77, 76¼, 76¾c. Corn—No. 2 December 41¼@41¾, 41¾, 41¼, 41⅝c; May 42¾@43, 43¾, 42⅞, 43@43¼c; July 42¾@42⅞, 43¾@43¾, 43¾, 43. Oats—No. 2 December 34¼@34¾, 34¾, 34¼, 34¾; May 36½@36¾, 36¾, 36½, 36¾c; July 33¾, 33¾, 33¼, 33¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $11 17½, 11 17½, 11 12½, 11 15; May $11 42½, 11 55, 11 42½, 11 53½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 42½, 6 42½, 6 30, 6 42½; May $6 55, 6 60, 6 55, 6 60. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $5 97½, 6 02½, 5 95, 6 02½; May $6 15, 6 22½, 6 15, 6 20.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 7c; mild firm; Cordova 7¼@12¼c. The market for coffee futures opened firm at an advance of 10@15 points following unexpectedly higher European markets. On the advance there was heavy realizing, but there was a good demand from abroad and considerable outside buying, so that the prices continued firm and the market closed 15@25 points higher, with sales of 167,750 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 10.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices two points lower; American middling fair 6.84d; good middling 6.68d; middling 6.58d; low middling 6.53d; good ordinary 6.42d; ordinary 6.32d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,800 bales American. Receipts 37,000 bales, including 33,700 bales American.

Futures opened easy and closed steady; American middling (g o c): December 6.48d; December and January 6.44@6.45d; January and February 6.40@6.41d; February and March 6.39d; March and April 6.38d; April and May 6.37d; May and June 6.36d; June and July 6.34@6.35d; July and August 6.32@6.33d; August and September 6.18d.

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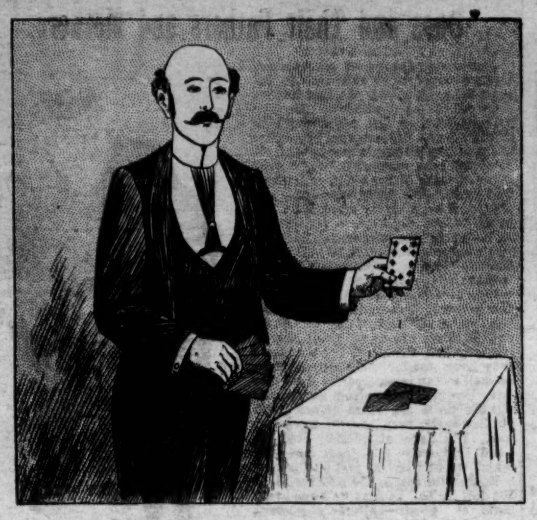

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Oriental View of Womanhood.

The oriental idea of the freedom which American women enjoy does not accord with that of Americans. One Hindoo lady expressed herself as greatly shocked that American men should compel their women to go about in public unprotected, their faces exposed to the gaze of strangers, and a Hindoo gentleman with whom we talked thus expressed himself on the subject of oriental treatment of women:

"You say that we do not honor our women. Why, let me tell you that all Hindoo boys, till they are ready to learn the ways of men, are taught by their mothers. We are subject to our mothers, and we know what you occidentals do not yet seem to realize—that to have good men and good citizens we must have good mothers. You will hardly find a Hindoo man, whatever his caste, daring to go against the counsel of his mother. Can you say as much for American men?"

Could as much, do our readers think, be said for American men? There are no asylums for helpless fathers and mothers in the orient. So long as there is a corner and a crust to be shared the parents in the oriental family have the lion's share.—Household.

Smoking In Spain.

In Spain people smoke incessantly under all conditions, at all hours and in all places, except in church. Men smoke in the railway carriages; they smoke in all the tram cars; they smoke in all the minor theaters; they smoke in all the restaurants, in the hotel dining rooms, and, of course, in the cafes. In business offices the merchant and his clerks smoke. In shops the shopman, while trying to sell goods to a lady, will stop to roll a cigarette, which, when lighted, he will puff in her face. You see conductors and drivers of tram cars smoking. All the hackney cabmen smoke all the time, while even coachmen and footmen of private carriages sometimes smoke on the box. Beggars approach you, cigarette in mouth, to whine for alms. If you ask for tickets at a railway office, the clerk lays down his cigarette as he hands you the dingy bits of pasteboard. The innumerable peddlers all smoke cigarettes all the time.—J. A. Hart in Argonaut.

The Mind of the Modern Actor.

The mind of the modern actor—we speak, of course, of the many, not of all—lies in his dancing legs, his side splitting grimaces, his "business," his exaggerations of peculiar lives of today. The mind thus devoted to the lighter tasks of jocularity, skipping also from one author's jokes to those of another on a moment's notice, as its possessor skips from town to town and from stage to stage, is not a mind that can suddenly turn to the contemplation and the study of Shakespeare with any hope that the lines of the poet will get the better of the encounter. The actor who is to play Shakespeare acceptably must not frivol away his intellectual dignity. One cannot sing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" with all the enthusiasm of his soul for 300 nights and hope to be equal to the Magnificat or a Te Deum or Siegfried's Rhine journey on the three hundred and first night. The tasks to which the modern English and American manager puts the English and American actor have destroyed the old school of Shakespeare actors. Now, we are not saying that this is not for the best; that in the processes of the evolution of the arts the theater has not naturally become what it is.—Harper's Weekly.

How Sleigh Bells Are Made.

"The making of sleigh bells is quite an art," says an iron founder. "The little iron ball is too big to be put in through the holes in the bell, and yet it is inside. How did it get there? The little iron ball is called 'the jinglet.' When you shake the sleigh bell it jingles. In making the bell the jinglet is put inside a little ball of mud, just the shape of the inside of the bell. Then a mold is made, just the shape of the outside of the bell. This mud ball with the jinglet inside is placed in the mold of the outside, and the metal is poured in, which fills up the space between the ball and the mold.

"When the mold is taken off, you see a sleigh bell, but it will not ring, as it is full of dirt. The hot metal that the bell is made of dries the dirt so that it can be shaken out. After the dirt is all shaken out of the holes in the bell the little iron jinglet will still be in the bell and will ring. It took a good many years to think out how to make a sleigh bell."

Immortality of Jokes.

Whoever does not believe in immortality, let him turn his eye upon jokes. No joke has ever been known to die. Even the weakest from its very birth lives forever. Now and then a joke will work overtime too consistently and will have to go to the hospital of temporary oblivion for a rest. But it always returns to do business with a clean bill of health and semioccasionally a new tie or a fresh collar. As a rule, however, it wears the same old celluloid neckband and faded scarf sponged off and benzined by the skillful hands of Time.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Putting Down the Pickle.

"Put down that pickle!"

The words were uttered harshly and hurriedly by the sergeant to an ungracious private who, carried away by his hungry passions, had snatched a pickle from the barrel.

"An' why should I put down the pickle?" queries the private mildly.

"Put down that pickle, that's all I want of you!" returned the sergeant determinedly.

"Down it goes, then!" cried he. And stuffing it into his mouth it quickly disappeared.—Illustrated Bits.

Great Presence of Mind.

"That woman showed wonderful presence of mind when her horse ran away."

"Is that what you call it? She threw down the reins and yelled."

"I know she did, and the horse ran straight down the street. If she had held on to the reins, she would have doubtless steered him into the pavement."

A Mechanical Catastrophe.

Smarticus—Hear about Hardink's experience with the automatic electric waiter in N'York?

Sparticus—No. What was it?

Smarticus—He picked out his order, decided he'd take a Bermuda onion and dropped in his money. But the confounded machine sprung a leek on him.—Baltimore American.

Fortunate.

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It Did Him Good.

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Sir Hartley Williams, a celebrated judge of Australia, said he once knew a pious lawyer who was in the habit of praying for clients. "Imagine," exclaimed the judge, "the insult to the Almighty contained in the request that he should stir up strife among people, foment discord and promote litigation just to serve the selfish purposes of this pious solicitor."

True Philosopher.

"Well, sir, lightnin' sot his house afire, a airthquake swallowed half his land, an' then the river riz an' overflowed the whole business!"

"Well, what's he a-doin' of now?"

"Thankin' the Lord that he kin swim!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Hard to Meet Them, Though.

Miss Romantique (ecstatically)—I guess in Bohemia every one is Tom, Dick and Harry.

Painter Lott (a poor artist)—Oh, yes, and there are a good many bills there too.—Indianapolis Journal.

Feeless Information.

Mr. Tytephist (at the club)—By the way, doc, what is good for indigestion?

Doctor (fellow club man)—Well, a Welsh rabbit is sometimes good for about three days of it.—Chicago Tribune.

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A big lot Facinators, Shawls and Cloaks for Children and Ladies at all prices. Fine lot long Silk Coats. Sweaters $1 98. Furs at half price. Silk Mufflers for Holidays. All styles of Silk, Flannel and Cotton Waists.

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$1,093,833 05	Capital Stock	$125,000 00
Bonds	118,840 00	Surplus, etc	180,125 85
Real Estate	30,000 00	Circulation	125,000 00
Cash in Vault	$ 70,721 76	Deposits	1,346,266 29
In other Banks	336,046 33		
	406,770 09		
Total	$1,779,403 14	Total	$1,779,403 14

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Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE,

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.17 P. M.	5.00 P. M.
†6.10 P. M.	7.03 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
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Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m, arrive Lumberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6:45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m. Arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 3:15 a m, Pembroke 3.50 a m, Maxton 4 06 a m, Hamlet 6:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:07 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:30 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m	
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m	
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....	
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 35 a m	
Ar Greenwood	12 23 p m	3 43 a m	
Ar Athens	3 50 p m	8 05 a m	
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m	

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m	
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m	
Ar Savannah	2 30 p m	5 05 a m	
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m	
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	6 00 p m	

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m	
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 50 a m	
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m	
Ar Portsmouth	.....	.....	
Ar Norfolk	8 00 a m	5 35 p m	
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 30 a m	
Ar Raleigh	1 5 a m	11 15 a m	
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m	
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 55 p m	
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 30 p m	
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 25 p m	
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 13 p m	

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 03 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 55 p m	1 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 53 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 28 a m	9 13 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 02 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 12 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	6 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	11 46 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	5 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	8 35 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	5 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jackson ville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 30 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 35 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	3 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	8 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 08	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	9 00
7 03	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 1.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M. and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 23 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 11.

FIRE AT SANDRINGHAM.

Queen Alexandra and Her Secretary, Miss Knollys, Had Narrow Escapes—The Damage Was Slight.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 10.—A fire occurred to-day at Sandringham, and Queen Alexandra and her secretary, Miss Knollys, had narrow escapes. It broke out at 5 o'clock this morning in Miss Knollys' bed-room in the chimney-flue, where a beam is supposed to have been smouldering for some days, and spread to the bed room of the queen, who was asleep at the time. She was awakened by Miss Knollys, who also raised an alarm. The outbreak caused a great deal of excitement at Sandringham, where a number of guests are staying at present.

The reticence customary at Sandringham was observed in connection with the fire. From later information, however, it appears that Queen Alexandra had a narrower escape than the first accounts of the fire indicated. Miss Charlotte Knollys was finally awakened by the smoke in the bedroom, which is immediately below the the chamber occupied by her majesty. Miss Knollys rushed upstairs to the queen's apartment and aroused her majesty. Both the queen and her secretary, who were clad only in dressing gowns, escaped from the burning room not a moment too soon, as the floor of the queen's apartment collapsed almost immediately, carrying with it her majesty's bed.

Only a few hundred pounds damage was done by the fire, which was confined to the two bedrooms. It is now stated that the blaze was caused by an imperfectly insulated electric light wire, which set fire to a beam between the ceiling of Miss Knollys' bedroom and the floor of her majesty's apartment.

King Edward, who was hunting in Suffolk, was immediately notified of the occurrence and later in the day a special messenger was sent with a reassuring message from Queen Alexandra.

SENSATIONAL FEATURE.

In Trial of J. E. Starke, Charged With Murder of John F. Angel.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 10.—The sensational feature in the third day's trial of J. E. Starke, charged with the murder of John F. Angel, was the fight over the admission of a love letter from T. C. Borden to Mrs. Starke, the wife of the accused and sister of the man who was killed. Starke's attorney pleaded temporary insanity, caused by seeing this letter. After a stubborn fight the letter was admitted and read.

Mrs. Starke took the stand and when asked if she had received the letter, refused to answer on the ground that she could not be compelled to criminate herself. Angel was defending his sister whom Starke was attempting to kill when he killed Angel. The case will consume several days more.

ALLEGED SAFE BLOWERS.

Men Arrested in Mobile are Wanted in a Number of States.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MOBILE, ALA., Dec. 10.—Captain Taylor, of the Montgomery police department, reached the city to-day and says he is satisfied that Albert Driscoll and J. E. Russell, alleged safe-blowers, arrested here yesterday, are the parties who blew two safes in Montgomery Tuesday night and secured several hundred dollars. He brought with him tools left by the safe-blowers in their flight from Montgomery and they corresponded exactly with the burglars' tools found in the possession of Driscoll and Russell.

Capt. Case, of this city, has received telegrams from Chief O'Neal, of Chicago, and chiefs of police at Savannah, Ga., and Bessemer, Ala., asking for Driscoll and Russell. It is believed the men are wanted in a number of States.

EXTENSION ASKED.

By Syndicate Which Underwrote Bonds and Stock of the A. C. L.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Members of the syndicate which underwrote $35,000,000 of 4 per cent. bonds and $5,000,000 stock of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, at the time that company acquired control of the Louisville and Nashville road, have asked for a fourteen months extension of the syndicate agreement, to February 26th, 1905. J. P. Morgan & Company, syndicate managers, will agree to the extension providing a majority of the parties to the syndicate agreement assent. It is understood that the request for an extension is due to the adverse market conditions.

FURMAN UNIVERSITY.

A Donation of $100,000 Secured from Jno. D. Rockefeller.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 10.—Rev. E. Poteet, president of Furman University, of Greenville, S. C., who is here attending the Baptist State Convention, has just returned from the North, where he secured from John D. Rockefeller a donation of $100,000 for Furman University. Dr. Poteet recently raised $135,000 for this institution, most of the contributions being in blocks of $250.

Colonel Robert Meek died at his home in Gallatin, Tenn., yesterday. He was superintendent of the Chesapeake and Nashville road and was at one time associated with the late Collis P. Huntington.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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For Infants and Children.

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THE SITUATION ON THE ISTHMUS.

No Official Information Concerning Movement of Colombian Troops Received.

ADVICES PACIFIC IN TENOR.

U. S. Forces on the Isthmus to be Reenforced by Three Hundred Marines Now on the Prairie and En Route to Colon.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Nothing of official character concerning the reported movement of Colombian troops upon the isthmus has been received at the State Department since the reports that came yesterday from Venezuelan ports indicating that such a movement was on foot nor has the minister from Panama any information on this point.

At the Navy Department it was announced that the marine contingent on the isthmus would be reinforced by three hundred men now on the Prairie, orders having been sent to Admiral Barker, commanding the North Atlantic squadron now at Guantanamo to dispatch the Prairie to the isthmus. She will leave to-morrow and will reach Colon by Monday next. It is felt that thus reinforced the marines now on the isthmus will be fully competent to preserve order and prevent any invasion.

Cablegrams received to-day by Gen. Rafael Reyes, the Colombian minister, and by Dr. Herran, the Colombian secretary of legation, are pacific in tenor and the officials of the Colombian legation are inclined to believe that the Colombian people are obeying the final instructions of Gen. Reyes, their commander-in-chief, who before leaving his country issued an order that no hostile move was to be made against the United States or Panama pending the completion of his mission.

General Reyes has cabled the Bogota government setting forth very explicitly the true situation here. He has not attempted in his advice to cloak the fact that there is no hope of prevailing on the United States to retrace its steps on the isthmus. The only possible result Gen. Reyes could bring about here, as he has officially informed the Bogota government, would be the securing of satisfactory peace terms with the new republic.

TOBACCO MANUFACTURERS.

Independent Association in Annual Convention in Washington—Representatives of Affiliated Bodies Present

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The second annual convention of the Independent Tobacco Manufacturers' Association is being held here, President John Landstreet, of Richmond, Va., presiding.

Most of the session to-day was consumed in consideration of the Ogden-Tawney bill, which prohibits the redemption of tags, wrappers and bands by manufacturers. This bill passed the House of Representatives last year, it is said, through the unanimous support of the independents, but failed to reach the Senate in time for consideration by that body. It has been reintroduced this Congress, but the discussion to day disclosed opposition to it. Some of the Virginia manufacturers are inclined to think that it is unconstitutional and others are said to have advocated a clearing house as a method of offering to redeem a smaller number of tags, wrappers and bands in combination. Mr. Swanson, of Virginia, and Mitchen, of North Carolina, who were called into consultation, assured the members that they were willing to back any measure which was unanimously agreed on or nearly so. There was a rather animated debate at times, and only a faction of half a dozen of the manufacturers started to leave the meeting room, saying they did not care to be bound by a vote of the majority, but with promises of compromises from the majority they returned to their seats.

To-night representatives of a number of bodies affiliated with the Independent tobacco monufacturers were were present. John Love, president of the Cigar and Tobacco Dealers' Association of America, delivered an address asking for the support of the manufacturers.

FAVORABLE REPORT ORDERED

On Bill Authorizing the Construction of a Lighthouse and Fog Signal on Diamond Shoals, Hatteras, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Senate Committee on Commerce to-day directed a favorable report on the bill authorizing Albert F. Eells of Boston, Mass., to construct a lighthouse and a fog signal at Diamond Shoals on the coast of North Carolina at Cape Hatteras. The bill provides that at the end of one year after the lighthouse has been approved by the secretary of war, Eells shall be paid $300,000, and at the end of two years $275,000 additional.

Favorable reports were ordered on other bills as follows: To apply to foreign vessels the laws which now prohibit lodging-house keepers from boarding United States vessels for the purpose of soliciting seamen as lodgers within twenty-four hours of the time vessels arrive in American ports; to construct and place a lightship off the outer bar of Brunswick, Ga., at a cost of not to exceed $100,000, and authorizing Robert A. Chapman, of Alabama, to construct a dam across the Coosa river in Alabama, and use its waters for the purpose of generating elertricty.

FAST TRAIN WRECKED

One Man Killed and Fifteen Persons Injured at Steubenville, Ohio.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 10.—Fifteen injured and one dead is the result of the wrecking of the eastbound Pan-handle flyer No. 54 at Cumberland Junction, Steubenville, this evening. The wreck was caused by an open defective switch. The flyer plunged across a connecting track to the westbound track and crashed into a freight engine. Bath engines were wrecked. The second mail car telescoped the combination smoker and baggage. The injured were in this car. Only the front end of the forward mail car was smashed. The dead man and the injured were brought to Steubenville hospital. The dead man is Frank L. LaSalle, an oil stock salesman, who lived at Indianapolis. He was caught when the mail car telescoped and was instantly killed.

THE CASE OF SENATOR SMOOT OF UTAH.

Indications that a Vigorous Fight Will be Made Against His Retaining His Seat in the Senate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Congressional callers at the White House are manifesting increasing interest in the case involving the seat of Senator Smoot, of Utah, and the indications are that the contest which it is asserted is certain to result from the present agitation will rival in importance and earnestness the case of Brigham H. Roberts before the House of Representatives a few years ago. While the President is familiar with the developments thus far in the Smoot case, no effort is being made by either side to draw him into the controversy, the realization being general that it involves a question which the Senate must determine itself.

That a thorough investigation of the subject will be made by the Senate committee on privileges and elections now appears to be beyond doubt. By those who are pressing the investigation it is said it will be more comprehensive and searching than any similar inquiry ever has been. An effort will be made to ascertain accurately the attitude of the Mormon church toward the government of the United States, and to learn whether or not a member of that organization is bound by any pledge or oath, the taking of which is incompatible with his oath as senator of the United States.

It is believed by some at least of those who are opposing Senator Smoot that any effort made to prove he is a polygamist would result in failure, and while that point cannot be said to have been abandoned absolutely, it is quite certain the opposition will concentrate its endeavors to prove that the position he holds in the Mormon church is incriminable with the oath of allegiance he has taken to the United States. That proof must be ample, in the opinion of senators, before he can be unseated.

As to the ability of the opposition to Senator Smoot to establish such a proposition, there is a wide divergences of opinion among senators, but there is a pretty general agreement that if it should be established its result would be the unseating of the Utah senator.

STRIKE RIOT IN CHICAGO.

Street Car Attacked by a Mob and Motorman and Conductor Severely Injured—Car Wrecked by Mob.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—In a riot to-day growing out of the recent strike on the Chicago city street railway, a car was wrecked by a mob of union sympathizers who furiously attacked the non-union conductor and mortorman, badly injuring both. The crew of the car escaped into a near by building, where they were guarded by police. The riot occurred on the Halstead street line near Archer avenue.

The riot was participated in by hundreds of men and boys. Forced to flee from the car the two non-union men were knocked off their feet and severely pummelled. Struggling up again the victims fled in different directions, pursued by the mob. The mob failing to re-capture the fugitives, returned to the car which had been abandoned at Halstead street and Archer avenue, and wreaked vengeance upon the conveyance, destroying the wood-work and rendering the coach unfit for use. A patrol wagon load of police meantime rescued the two non-unionists.

The trouble occurred owing to the refusal of passengers, among them several women, to pay fare to the conductor, who wore no union button. When the nickels were refused him he announced that the car would stop unless the money was paid. At this several of the passengers in the car seized him, while others proceeded to the front platform and ordered the motorman to start the car. At first the motorman refused, but when one of the passengers exhibited a revolver concealed in the folds of his overcoat he started the car and did not stop until Archer avenue was reached. Then he leaped from the conveyance and ran, pursued by a crowd of men. The conductor was then attacked. Both of the victims, it is said, were employed as strike-breakers during the recent strike.

BALTIMORE BANK FAILURE.

The Commercial and Farmers' National in Trouble—President Tenders His Resignation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 10.—The membership of the Baltimore Clearing House Association late this afternoon agreed to advance any necessary funds, in the shape of certificates, to tide over the financial affairs of the Commercial and Farmers' National bank of this city, a member of the Clearing House Association. Bank Examiner W. A. Mason is in charge of the bank as a representative of the Clearing House Association, and the resignation of Lawrence B. Kemp, president of the bank, has been tendered.

The report of the Clearing House committee, who have examined the books of the bank, will probably prevent a "run" on the bank to-morrow, and it is thought its affairs would be adjusted satisfactorily to all concerned. Inability to realize upon paper held by the bank is believed to be the cause of the temporary embarrassment of the institution.

The last statement submitted to the comptroller of the currency, on September 9th, showed assets of $2,114,559.61 with liabilities (secured), of a similar amount. The bank will open for business to-morrow morning.

NO TRUTH IN STORY.

That E. L. Wentz, the Missing Millionaire, Had Been Rescued from Bandits.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 10.—Dr. J. S. Wentz, father of E. L. Wentz, said to-day that he had no knowledge of the reported rescue of his son from bandits, as published in the morning papers. Dr. Wentz characterized the rumors that have from time to time been published since the disappearance of his son as the work of some "crack-brained fellow in Bristol, Tenn."

"I wish," said Dr. Wentz, "that the newspapers would refrain from publishing these reports. They are very annoying and disturbing to my family. I know nothing more than I did on October 15th, and if I hear anything definite I will give it to the papers."

BRISTOL, TENN., Dec. 10.—Jno. L. Wentz, brother of the missing man, said to-day there was nothing in the story of a rescue, and no development of any kind in the case.

A dispatch from Monte Carlo announces the death there yesterday of Baron Arthur de Rothschild.

HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS.

House Adopted Resolution to Inquire Into Official Conduct of Judge Swayne.

OF THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT

Resolution Offered by Representative Lamar, of Florida, Who Said He Desired to Impeach Judge Swayne. The Day in the Senate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The House to-day adopted a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the official conduct of Charles Swayne, judge of the United States district court for the northern district of Florida, and to "report whether the action of the House is requisite."

Mr. Lamar, Democrat, of Florida, offered the resolution, announcing that he desired to impeach Judge Swayne. A lively debate was had before the resolution was adopted. A number of the members on the majority side sought to have the resolution referred to the Judiciary Committee that a recommendation might be had from that committee before voting on its adoption. The minority solidly supported Mr. Lamar in his opposition to the motion to refer, and several Republicans voted against reference. There were but few dissenting votes on the motion to adopt the resolution.

The first of the appropriation bills—the pension bill—was reported to the House to-day and notice was given that it will be called up to morrow for consideration.

Mr. Lamar, Democrat, rising to a question of personal privilege after announcing that he would offer a resolution in which would be embodied a joint resolution of the Florida Legislature, said:

"In pursuance of that joint resolution, I desire to impeach Charles Swayne, Judge of the United States district court for the Northern district of Florida with high crimes and misdemeanors."

The resolution, after reciting in the preamble the resolution of the Florida Legislature, says:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Judiciary be directed to inquire and report whether the action of the House is requisite concerning the official mis conduct of Charles Swayne, Judge of the United States district court for the northern district of Florida, and say whether he the said judge, has held terms of court as required by law, whether he, has continuously and persistently absented himself from the said State, and whether his acts and omissions in his office of judge have been such as in any degree to deprive the people of that district of the benefits of the court therein, to amount to a denial of justice; whether the said judge has been guilty of corrupt conduct in office, and whether his administration of his office has resulted in injury and wrong to litigants of his court."

The resolution further authorizes the Judiciary Committee to send for persons and papers and to do other things essential to the investigation.

Mr. Lamar moved the adoption of of the resolution.

Mr. Grosvenor suggested that there should be specific charges; that the House should go slowly and be extremely careful. The House is not a grand jury, he said.

Mr. Lacy, Republican, of Iowa, moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Payne, Republican, New York, said the House should proceed with care in so important a matter as this.

Mr. Fuller, Republican, Illinois, said the resolution should not be referred, but should be voted down, charging that it did not contain a single specification. The humblest citizen, he said, was entitled to be furnished with specific charges before being placed on trial. He declared that it would be useless to refer the resolution to the Judiciary Committee, saying that that committee would be obliged to report it back with a report that there was nothing in it to warrant action.

Mr. Lamar said: "As I understand, this objection made by the gentleman from Onio, Mr. Grosvenor, is that I do not charge Judge Swayne with any specific crime. I do charge him generally with high crimes and misdemeanors. Why should I be forced to state when the proof is to be submitted to the Committee on Judiciary, the specific matters upon which that general allegation is true?

"Every single crime that this judge is capable of committing is charged when I charge him of high crimes and misdemeanors. But if the gentleman desires that I shall make my charges seriatim, I charge this judge first, with continued, persistent, and if you please, pernicious absenteeism from his district; second, with corrupt official conduct based on several matters; third, I charge Judge Swayne with mal-administration of judicial matters in his court, so much so as to embarrass bankrupts and annihilate the assets of litigants and others appearing within his jurisdiction."

Mr. Williams, the minority leader, contended for the adoption of the resolution, citing former cases and arguing that the verbal statement of Mr. Lamar is sufficient.

Mr. Mann, Republican, of Illinois, asked Mr. Lamar if it was his idea that the Judiciary Committee should proceed with an inquiry without specific charges.

Mr. Lamar replied that the committee had full power.

Mr. Clayton, Democrat, of Alabama, said Mr. Lamar had pursued a course similar to that followed in other cases. "This is merely the inauguration of an indictment," he said.

The motion to refer the resolution to the Judiciary Committee was lost, when the resolution, as offered by Mr. Lamar, was adopted with a few dissenting votes.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

In the Senate.

To-day's session of the Senate lasted only thirty-seven minutes.

After the completion of the routine business the Cuban bill was laid before the Senate, but no one appeared ready to speak on it.

Previous to the adjournment Mr. Hoar gave notice that as soon as practicable after the disposition of the Cuban bill he would call up his resolution introduced yesterday, requesting information from the President concerning the conditions under which the independence of Panama was recognized.

The matter of the railway "principal office" definition went down to defeat in the Virginia House of Delegates by a vote of 41 to 18 The measure was designed, it is understood, to bring the Southern Railway's administrative offices from Washington to some point in Virginia.

Supression of negro votes and the penalty therefor were the subjects of resolutions adopted by the Union League Club of New York city last night.

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MANY INDICTMENTS FOUND.

By U. S. Grand Jury Investigating Postoffice Robbery Cases and Illegal Fencing of Government Land.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 10.—The United States grand jury, which has been in session for some time investigating postoffice bribery cases and the alleged illegal fencing of government lands in western Nebraska, to day made a partial report to the court, returning twenty-two indictments. One is against former State Senator Elliott Lowe, charging bribery in connection with the appointment of a postmaster at Alma, Neb.; ten are against ranchmen for illegal fencing and the others were Indian cases, mostly of a minor character. Those against ranchmen include true bills against Bartlett Richards, president of the Nebraska Land Fencing Company; W. G. Constock, vice president of the same company, and Secretary Chas. C. Jameson, all of Ellsworth, Neb., and former State Senator Frank M. Carrie, a large individual cattle owner of Broken Bow, Neb.

The foreman of the grand jury stated to the court that it would later have a supplementary report, and it is stated this addition will include several more indictments. The indictment against former State Senator Low contains two counts, and charges conspiracy to violate section 1581 of the Revised Statutes, by conspiring to bribe Senator Charles H. Dietrich by acting as intermediary in the payment of $400, in consideration of which J. B. Billings, who at the time of the alleged transaction was postmaster at Alma, Neb., was to receive the recommendation by the senator for re-appointment.

BOLL WEEVIL SITUATION.

A Special Session of the Legislature of Louisiana Convened—Governor Heard's Message.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.—Governor Heard, in his message to the special session of the Legislature convened at Baton Rogue to-day for the purpose of discussing the boll weevil situation and passing necessary laws to check the evil, said:

"The weevil, first coming from Mexico, has now spread across the State of Texas and this year has injured the cotton crop of that State, according to various estimates, from $15,000,000 to $50,000,000. If a check is not found it is only a question of time when Louisiana and the entire cotton belt will become a prey to its ravages. As to a law to be passed by the special session, a separate board of commissioners with plenary powers may be appointed, or the State Board of Agriculture may be authorized to carry into effect any laws that may be passed. My own opinion is that the work may be done by creating a board of commissioners composed of the commissioner of agriculture, directors of experiment stations, the State entomologist and two prominent and practical cotton planters."

A bill carrying these suggestions into effect was introduced and will probably be passed.

One hundred and twenty-five girl operators of the Norfolk, Va., Silk Company, went out on a strike yesterday and declare that they will not return to work unless the present scale of wages is advanced.

Important Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that all pipe connections with water, gas or sewerage mains on Market street, between Second and Fourth streets, will have to be made at once before paving is done, as no permits for tearing up these streets will be given after said work is finished.

WM. E. SPRINGER,
no 25 6w we fr su Mayor.

Hal. T. Lewis, prominent throughout the State and formerly associate justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, died yesterday. As a delegate to the Chicago Democratic convention in 1896 he nominated Bryan for the presidency.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Camp No. 25, U. C. V., will be held to-night at 8 o'clock at W. L. I Armory. Full attendance desired. By order of Commander W. J. Woodward. A. L. DeRossett, adjutant. dec 11 1t

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five suckling boar pigs, two boars 13 months old. Bargains in each lot til January 1st. L. L. Seiter, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 19 tf

Notice—I will apply to the Board of Aldermen and County Commissioners at the next meeting to retail spirituous and malt liquors at 13th Market street. H. Seltjes. nov 11 30t

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Ones and Their Fathers and Mothers.

Considering the list of presents and toys we carry, we would like to impress the people with the fact that we carry something to please all. Mothers making out their list of holiday gifts would do well to remember that Santa Claus makes his headquarters with us. We have been working hard this week to make room in our big store to show our goods. We have succeeded and now we have them on exhibition. As to the line of dolls we carry, we feel sure we will save you money and give you a chance to select from the largest stock in the city. To describe our dolls we have not the room, but will say that we can please even the most fastidious. Our prices for handsome dolls are from 50c. up to $6 each. Our $1, $1.50, and $2 dolls are hand made and of the very best work. We also have a very large line for the wholesale trade as well as the retail trade in the cheap line. Strong numbers from 10c up, and our 25c dolls are extra values. Our 50c line is the very best we have ever had. We have about 200 dolls on hand that were left from last year which we will sell at just half price—a 50c doll for 25c, a 25c doll for 13c, a 10c doll for 5c. In toys we have every class of goods—children's go-carts from 25c to $2 98 and carriages from 25c to $3, wagons from 10c up to $4.50, velocipedes from $1.50 to $3 50.

Books.

In this line of goods we have just received 150 new novels, all cloth bound and splendid print; all representing standard works. We will sell on Monday our 25c books for 9c each, only one to a customer. In toy books, Christmas cards and ca endars, we are saddling Raphael Tuck's line known the world over as the best there is in it. We sell children's books from 5c to $1 25. Christmas cards from 1c up to 25c; calendars from 5c up to 75c each. Our books are all on display and we will be glad to have you look them over. We have a full supply of horses, mechanical toys, guns and toys of all kinds for the boys.

Fireworks.

In this line of goods we will be glad to sell you for Christmas display, and will give you special prices on quantities. If you are thinking of buying fireworks of any kind, we will like to say that we will have lots of them to sell, and we will sell them cheap.

Ladies' Cloaks.

We are expecting in Monday a big shipment of new cloaks. Our trade in this department has been phenomenal, never half so good before. We have lots of them on hand now that we are selling from $3 75 up to $12.50 each. Our $4, $5, $6 and $7 cloaks are new and stylish and the prices are right. If you give them a look you will be sure to buy. In our line of Military Cloaks we have had to make three additional orders by express this week. They seem to be what the ladies want, as they can easily recognize the style and value. The prices are from $7.50, $9, $10 and $12.50 each.

Children's Cloaks.

We are selling lots of children's Cloaks. In buying this Fall we were very liberal and bought a great many and we must sell them, and for the next three weeks we will make special prices and offer a rebate of 10 per cent. on children's and infant's small and long Cloaks; ages from one to five years old.

Furs.

For a Christmas present there is hardly anything nicer than a Fur Collarette and they are sure to please the ladies. We have them at all prices, from $1 to $15 each. Our $2 50 to $5 Furs are beauties and ladies always appreciate a good Fur. We have a great many to show and can suit you as to price and quality.

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RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,121,992 44	Capital	$ 200,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	300 00	Surplus and net profits	104,508 40
Bank Building	20,500 00	Circulation	2 0.00 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	712 1 5 94	Deposits	1,897,149 88
	$2,229,058 98		$2,229,658 98

Comparative statement of deposits,
Nov. 17th, 1901, $672,808 88. Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,020 05 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,897,149 88.

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